STATE TAX OFFICE SCANDAL.

LAWYER WHITE'S CHARGES TO BE INVESTIGATED.

Comptroller Kelsey Turns the Case Over to the Attorney-General-Gov. Higgins Says the Accused Clerk Was Appointed

With His Indorsement - White's Efforts. ALBANY, Jan. 5 .- The charges filed with State Comptroller Kelsey yesterday against John J. Merrill, chief of the tax department of his bureau, aroused a great amount of talk here to-day. Lawyer Frank White, who makes the charge, is a prominent corporation attorney and a lecturer on the staff of the Albany Law School. He virtually asserts that the State has been losing thousands of dollars annually through alleged collusion between Merrill and favored individuals representing large corporate interests.

State Comptroller Kelsey was asked today if he care i to make any statement regarding his action. He said that he had turned over the entire matter to Attorney -General Mayer with a request that the Attorney-General investigate the charges and call such witnesses and representatives of corporations as seem involved therein. The charges were received at the Attorney-General's department this afternoon; and forwarded to Attorney-General Mayer at his New York office.

The Comptroller was asked if he had suspended Mr. Merrill pending the investigation and he said that he had not.

Gov. Higgins, to whom Lawyer White wrote complaining of affairs in the Comp-troller's department, made the following statement to-day:

Mr. White some time ago called upon me and explained that he had a grievance. He said that he did not think he had received proper treatment from the Comptroller's department and from Mr. Merrill, and found fault with it and made some informal charges. I told him I would talk with the Comptroller about it, and I did so, and in-formed him that the Comptroller said if he would go to the department with some reputable lawyer that he would give him such information as was not injurious to the public policy pursued in such tax matters, where the corporations make full re-ports to the State, with the understanding that the information is not for public use. When Mr. White was informed of what

information he could receive he was not satisfied, apparently, and later wrote me that he had not gotten satisfactory treat-ment. He said he would make formal charges if something was not done about it. Comptroller Kelsey said he would inves-tigate any formal charges if they were preferred, and Mr. White was so informed. Mr. Kelsey said he certainly did not desire to shield any one.

"I got the impression," said the Governor in relly to a question, "that the matter would not have come up if Mr. White's business with the Comptroller's office had gone more to suit him. I think it was very plain to be seen that Mr. White thought he should have had a stronger pull in the should have had a stronger pull in the Comptroller's department than he had. I think Mr. Kelsey is entirely able to dispose of the matter.

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Gov. Higgins was asked to-night if he had not indorsed Merrill for appointment by State Comptroller Roberts at the time Mr. Merrill entered the service of the State.
"Mr. Merrill." said the Governor, "was originally appointed with my indorsement. I had known him for a long time, and so for as I now know those is no reason for far as I now know there is no reason for me to refuse to continue such indorsement of him. I always have faith in a man until

Attorney White, in an interview to-day, gave out considerable additional information regarding the charges. In his interview which was the charges of the ch view Mr. White said:

Merrill has a greater discretion vested in him than any Judge of any court in the land. For years he has obeyed decisions of the courts or utterly disregarded them, as pleased his inclination or the necessity of his collusion with his favorites and con-

At times Merrill has referred questions to the Attorney-General, but more often he has exercised his own individual discretion upon tax matters of the gravest importance.

In some cases he has held up tax cases for years. One of the most distinguished and minent tax experts in this country has informed me that after a rehearing in one of his tax cases Merrill held the matter up for seven years. In a rehearing in which I acted as counsel for a prominent law firm of New York city Merrill held up the determination for almost a year.

For several months I have labored earn-estly with Mr. Kelsey to induce him to correct the irregularities in his department without involving his office in a public scandal. On one occasion Mr. Kelsey accused me of insincerity and improper motives. My reply was that it matters not what the motive might be, the sole question for him to consider was whether Merrill was guilty of

My idea in regard to Mr. Kelsey's attitude is that he has been outrageously and shamefully imposed upon by Merrill, in whom the Comptroller placed the most implicit faith. Merrill is a man of ability and at the came time one of the most resourceful and crafty men that ever held a position in any

Two important tax papers mentioned in my specifications have been tampered with between September and December, 1995, and Mr. Kelsey has informed me that during that period those papers were in Merrill's possession. It therefore seems to me that it is absolutely necessary for Mr. Kelsey to suspend Merrill until the charges can be

Lawyer White to-night declared that he regarded it as of the utmost consequence that Merrill should be compelled to report that Merrill should be compelled to report to the Attorney-General the revisions, re-ductions and credits of corporation taxes granted by him between May, 1903, and May, 1905, as required by statute, as the dis-closures from such reports would be more startling even than anything contained in the sworn charges filed by him with Comp-troller Kelsev.

In his letter to the Attorney-General, Comptroller Kelsey incloses a copy of Mr. White's charges and continues:

The charges allege a failure to collect large sums of taxes due to the State by an acceptance of defective reports and that improper and unlawful reductions have been made in assessments of certain corporations, represented before the depart-

been made in assessments of certain cor-porations represented before the depart-ment by the following named attorneys as well as others not mentioned: "Charles E. Kilmer, 15 Park row: Alex-ander & Cohn, 99 Nassau street; Atterbury & Beekman, 256 Broadway; Edward H. Pin-dar, 170 Broadway, and John S. Parker, \$2 Liberty street."

A Beekman, 256 Broadway; Edward H. Finder, 170 Broadway, and John S. Parker, 32 Liberty street."

The letter includes a list of corporations which are alleged to have received favors in the matter of State taxes. Most of them were priated in The Sun of vesterday.

The Attorney-General made this statement of his plans:

"The charges against Chief Clerk Merrill of the Tax Corporation Bureau of the Comptroller's office have been referred to me for investigation by Comptroller Kelsey. The public interest requires an immediate, thorough and public examination of these charges. To that end I have concluded to hold a public inquiry at the Attorney-General's office in Albany beginning January 9 at 11:30 A. M.

"Notice accordingly will be sent to all concerned, including the persons and corporations referred to in the letter of the Comptroller. The Comptroller has arranged to forward to me all the original reports of corporations referred to and desires that the investigation be of the most searching and thorough character."

E sa Braun Goes Free.

Elsa Braun, the young woman who was employed at the Irving Place Theatre, and stole \$2,000 worth of jewel ry from Mrs. J. Lood Wright of 715 Fifth avenue, got off yesterday with a suspended sentence. Leinrich Conried and Mrs. Wright wrote

PETITION IN PATRICK'S BEHALF. Nearly One Hundred Well Known Men Ask

the Governor to Exercise Clemency. ALBANY, Jan. 5 .- Gov. Higgins received to-day the expected petition for the exercise of executive elemency in the case of Albert T. Patrick, the New York lawyer who is confined in Sing Sing prison under sentence to die in the week beginning January 22, upon conviction of the murder of the aged millionaire, William Marsh Rice. The petition is signed by nearly one hundred well known persons, including lawyers, physicians and chemists, clergymen and business men, and is based upon the ground that there is reasonable doubt of his guilt.

It is especially set forth that the Coroner who made the autopsy immediately after death gave it as his opinion that Mr. Rice died of natural causes and old age, but subsequently on the witness stand declared that he had been killed by chloroform; that the subsequent examination of the body which formed the basis of the testingnry adverse to Parisk was made after body which formed the basis of the testi-mony adverse to Patrick was made after the process of embalming, "which would effectually destroy all minute evidences of death either from natural causes or chloro-form"; that the cone containing chloroform would probably have fallen from position had the victim been alive; that the self-confessed murderer, Jones, who turned State's evidence, was in the opinion of the petitioners, irresponsible, had made at least petitioners, irresponsible, had made at least four different and contradictory confes-sions, was of doubtful sanity and unworthy

or belief.

The petitioners call attention to the dissenting opinions of Chief Judge Cullen and Judge O'Brien against the judgment of the Court of Appeals affirming Patrick's conviction.

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The signers of the petition include Grover Cleveland, former President of the United States; John G. Carlisle, former Secretary of the Treasury and United States Senator; former Supreme Court Judge Edward W. Hatch, and a large number of prominent members of the New York city bar; Samuel L. Clemens (Mark Twain), Allan McLane Hamilton, the well known alienist, and many other physicians and chemists of standing; the Rev. Dr. Charles H. Parkhurst, the Rev. Dr. Madison C. Peters, the Rev. Dr. Thomas Hughes, David Belasco, Lieut. Col. H. D. Borup, U. S. A., retired, and Robert Erskine Ely, director of the League for Political Education.

The petition was brought to Albany by Robert C. McCormick, who filed it personally with the Governor. Gov. Higgins said to-night that he did not know when he would act upon the matter, but that he did not expect to give a public hearing.

SPEAKER WADSWORTH BUSY.

Has Piles of Letters From Members Ask-

ing for Appointments on Committees. ALBANY, Jan. 5.-Speaker James W. Wadsworth put in a busy day to-day going through a pile of correspondence that was two feet high. The letters were from members of Assembly and Assembly district leaders asking for appointments to various committees, and were in response to the request of Speaker Wadsworth that the members communicate their desires to him. But many are bound to be disappointed, for, as was to be expected, members were not at all modest in their wishes as to the committees of which they preferred

to the committees of which they preferred to be members.

Speaker Wadsworth again reiterated that it would be several days before any kind of an announcement would be made as to the majority leader and the changes to be made in the committees. He did, however, say that he would appoint to the Committee on Rules none but men who could be relied upon to serve purely in the interests of the people and thus end the domination of that most important committee.

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Older members of the Assembly who have been identified for so long with the system apparently realize that their day of graft and power is at an end. Some of the most influential members of former Legislatures have gone to their homes expecting to hear that they will get nothing. They know that the influence that once made them men of importance is now at an end, and therefore they have left their fate in the hands of Speaker Wadsworth.

The Speaker talked with the Governor to-day, but said they did not discuss the majority leadership or the makeup of the committees.

EIGHTY CENT GAS.

the Legislature to Delay Action on Bills.

ALBANY, Jan. 5 .- Gov. Higgins to-day declared that there was no reason for the Legislature to delay action on bills to reduce the price of gas in New York because the complaints against the prices charged and petitions asking for a reduction were now under investigation by the State Gas Com-

"I advocated action in my message without regard to the present pending investi-gation," said the Governor.

WISNEWSKI BOY IMPROVES, But Probably Will Not Be Able to Testify in Horner Case on Monday.

NORTHPORT, L. I., Jan. 5.-The condition of Frank Wisnewski, the young Pole whose testimony is expected to have an important bearing on the Horner shooting case, was said this morning to be greatly improved, but Dr. John P. Heven, who is attending him, hardly believed that the young man would be able to testify on Monday when the hearing is resumed. Dr. Heyen said:

"All the stories that have been told about Wisnewski having become a madman are untrue. He has never at any time been been violent, and it has not required the efforts of half a dozengmen, as has been alleged, to restrain him. He has had hysterical attacks, and the cries he uttered while suffering in this way are the only foundation for the reports that he had become raging mad."

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Dr. Heyen was asked about a report that Mrs. Simpson, the wife of Dr. J.W. Simpson, the prisoner, was in a state of collapse similar to that into which Wisnewski sank last Tuesday. In reply the doctor said that there was not a word of truth in the report.

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Wisnewski had another hysterical outbreak this afternoon. He was lying quietly on the bed and Officer Smith was reading, when Wisnewski jumped up and ran toward the window. Smith grabbed him and after a struggle placed him back in bed and then sent for Drs. Heyen and Donohue, who quieted the youth. He fretted to-day because he was not taken out for a walk and was sulky for a time when informed he had to remain quietly in bed. Dr. Heyen said to-night that he considered there was a constant improvement in Wisnewski's condition, and that the statement that he would never be able to testify was unfounded.

In describing the legisland, Sheridan says he was kindly received by the captain of my company, Eugene E. McLean, and his charming wife, the daughter of Gen. E. V. Sumner, who was already distinguished in our service, but much better known in after years in the operations of the Army of the Potomae."

Col. McLean for many years after the civil war belonged to the "unreconstructed" class. It was not until 1886 that his political is sabilities were removed by an act of Congress. When one of his associates spoke to him about it he said:

"Well, you see, the war has been over for more than twenty years and I thought that I should like to vote again."

Col. McLean always voted the Demo-

MUST FACE NEW MURDER CHARGE Man Held for Blowing Up Gov. Steunenberg Wanted in Colorado.

CRIPPLE CREEK, Col., Jan. 5 .- Deputy District Attorney Gillette, on an affidavit sworn to by Sheriff Bell, to-day filed a direct information in the District Court against Harry Orchard, now under arrest at Caldwell. Idaho, charged with blowing up former Governor Steunenberg, charging him with having murdered J. W. Hartsock, one of the thirteen men who were killed in the Independence depot explosion on the

morning of June 6, 1904.

Mr. Gillette stated that if Orchard was released in Idaho requisition papers would be asked for and he would be brought here. for trial for murder in the first degree.

Board of Education to Dine McGowan. President McGowan of the Board of Aldermen will be entertained at a dinner given to-night at the Savoy by his former associates in the Board of Education. None but members of the board will be present, except Comptroller Metz, who was at one time a School Commissioner.



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OLD CITY EMPLOYEE DEAD.

COL. M'LEAN, A VETERAN OF THE MEXICAN AND CIVIL WARS.

And for 25 Years in the Comptroller's Department-Knew Zach Taylor and Was One of Jefferson Davis's Staff-Restored to His Civil Rights in '86.

Col. Eugene E. McLean died yesterday morning at his residence, 353 West Fiftyseventh street. For twenty-five years he had been the head of the engineer force of the City Comptroller's office. He was in his eighty-fifth year, but had remained active in his duties up to the middle of November last.

Col. McLean was graduated from West Point in 1842 and was a classmate of several distinguished men, among them being Gen. Longstreet and Gen. John Newton. From the time of his graduation until the beginning of the civil war he remained in the army. He was the captain of the first company to which Phil Sheridan was assigned when Sheridan was graduated.

In the Mexican War Col. McLean served as a captain. He was the associate of Lee and Worth and Jefferson Davis, and knew Gen. Zachary Taylor well.

Col. McLean was born in Baltimore on March 5, 1821, and his sympathies were always linked with the South in the antislavery agitation. When the rebellion came he entered the military service of the South and there had an unusual career. He was attached to the staff of Jefferson Davis, and through their former association in the army enjoyed Mr. Davis's confidence to a marked degree. He remained with Mr. Davis throughout the time that the Confederate Government had its seat at Richmond and was consulted constantly by the Confederacy's President as to the conduct of military operations. especially from an engineering standpoint.

When the war ended Col. McLean came to this city and engaged in his profession of civil engineering. He was a friend of the late Allan Campbell, Comptroller of the city. One day, in 1881, there came a vacancy in the real estate department and Mr. Campbell asked Col. McLean to take the place. At that time there was no civil engineer attached to the Comptroller's department and Col. McLean grew very useful in passing upon the work of contractors. He was soon made the engineer of the department. He became really the engineer of the Board of Estimate and of the Sinking Fund Commission. Most of the work authorized by those boards in the last quarter of a century was passed upon by him.

The engineer's bureau of the Comp-troller's office grew year by year so that at present there are twenty-five men em-ployed in it. Col. McLean not only organized it but kept it in a highly efficient condition. One of the most important controversies he ever engaged in was when he fought the claim of about \$7,000,000 for extra work on the new aqueduct. The city finally confessed judgment on it after many years of litigation, but the result was that the Corporation Counsel was prohibited by law from making any such confessions in the future.

He was six feet tall and of spare build, and never lost his military bearing. His associates in the Comptroller's office are fond

sociates in the Comptroller's office are fond of describing him as an "old school Southern gentleman." He was one of the kind of men who would get angry if a contractor offered him a cigar. He almost leaned backward in his integrity.

Col. McLean married a daughter of Gen. Edwin Vose Sumner, famous in the civil war. Mrs. McLean died last June. They had no children. In November Col. McLean had a fall on Broadway. It was thought that he was knocked down by a wagon while crossing the street. He was taken home and never recovered from was taken home and never recovered from the shock. His death was due to a gen-eral breaking up of the system following

bis fall.

Col. McLean was always proud of the fact that he figured in Phil Sheridan's memoirs. In describing his journey to the South to join his regiment, Sheridan says he was kindly received "by the captain of my company, Eugene E. McLean, and his charming wife, the daughter of Gen. E. V. Sumper, who was already distinguished in our party who was already distinguished in our

Col. McLean always voted the Demo-cratic ticket, but he took no active part in politics. He will be buried beside his wife in the Sumner burial plot in Syracuse.

OBITUARY.

William M. F. Round, former secretary of the New York Prison Association and a novelist of some reputation in the 70s and 80s, died on January 2 at Achusnet, Mass. He was born at Pawtucket, R. L. in 1845, and studied medicine at the Harvard medical school. He threw that up in mid-course and went into journalism and magazine work, first on the Boston News and then on the Independent and the Golden Rule in New York. In his early thirties he wrote three or four novels of New England life. The most successful of these was "Torn and Mended," which ran through several editions. Others were "Achsah" (1876), "Hal," and "Rosecroft." He was the author of several books of travel. Later he gave up literature to go into prison reform and charitable work. He reorganized the National Prison Association, in which he was the most active worker abroad to conventions of criminologists. He organized the Burnham Industrial Farm at Canaan, Conn., and the Order of St. Christopher, a non-sectarian brotherhood of reformatory workers. He served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as assistant editor of the Lend-a-Hand Record under the served as a served the served the

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work and retired to his farm, where he re-mained until his death. work and retired to his farm, where he remained until his death.

Benjamin C. Leveridge, 77 years old, died of heart disease on Thursday at the Hudson street hospital. His father was Dr. Benjamin C. Leveridge, a prominent New York physician many years ago and his mother was a Van Pelt. He leaves a son, Benjamin H. Leveridge, with whom he lived in this city, and a daughter, Mrs. P. F. Luchs, vice-principal of a public school in Hoboken.

Christian P. Humrich, historian, Councilman, School Director and the oldest lawyer practising at the Cumberland county bar, is dead at Carlisle, Pa., aged 74 years. He was a graduate of Dickinson College, class of 1852, and was admitted to the bar in 1854.

Frederick Sheffield, a newspaper artist, died at the home of his brother, William W. Sheffield, at 717 Greene avenue, Brooklyn, on Thursday. He was 53 years old and leaves a widow, two sons and a daughter.



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